THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wool Growers

6624. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether foreign wool growers seek India's help to tap the vast Japanese market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) As far as the Ministry of Textiles could ascertain, no specific group of foreign wool growers has sought India's help to tap the Japanese market.

(b) and (d) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts

6625. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees of Grade-I and II in the offices of Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals, Department of supply and National Test House as on December 31, 1996 separately;

(b) the number of SCs/STs/OBCs amongst them;

(c) the reasons for not fulfilling the quota reserved for them; and

(d) the efforts made during the last three years to fill up the quota reserved for the above categories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) The requisite details are furnished below :-

Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals

Group 'A' (i.e. Grade-I)-226; SC-37: ST-7: OBC-Nil
Group 'B' (i.e. Grade-II)-605; SC-65: ST-8: OBC-Nil

Department of Supply

Group 'A' (i.e. Grade-I)-17; SC-5: ST-1: OBC-Nil
Group 'B' (i.e. Grade-II)-54; SC-4: ST-1: OBC-1

National Test House

Group 'A' (i.e. Grade-I)-64; SC-15: ST-1: OBC-Nil
Group 'B' (i.e. Grade-II)-159; SC-15: ST-Nil: OBC-2

(c) Wherever there is a shortfall in the quota, it is due to non-availability of candidates where Direct Recruitment is involved and due to non-availability of eligible feeder grade officials, where promotion is involved.

(d) For Direct Recruitment Quota, requisitions have been placed with the UPSC/SSC, indicating the reservation position as applicable under the Rules. Similarly for promotion quota, all Departmental Promotion Committees have considered the claims of available SC's/ST's, under the Rules.

[Translation]

Production of Coal

6626. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of coal produced by major coal companies-Coal India Ltd., Neyveli Lignite Corporation and Singreni Collieries in India during the last three years; and

(b) the total profit/loss by each company in during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The quantity of coal produced from the mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singreni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) during the last three years are as under :-

(million tonnes)

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Provisional)
CIL	223.07	237.28	250.65
SCCL	25.65	26.77	28.73

Neyveli Lignite Corporation is producing Lignite. The details of production of Lignite during the last three years are as under :-

(Millions tonnes)

1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (provisional)
15.41	17.20	17.35

(b) Financial performance of CIL and SCCL for the year 1996-97 can be available only after the finalisation of accounts. However, figures of profit/loss of these companies for the years 1993-94 to 1995-96 are as under :-